

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The function described in each of the embodiments of the invention can be also realized by the program 101 that can be executed by the computer. In this case, the program 101 and data used by the program can be stored in a tangible storage medium that can be read by the computer. ~~The term “storage medium” means a medium which can generate a state of change of magnetic, optical or electric energy for a reader provided as a hardware resource of the computer in accordance with the descriptive content of the program and which can transmit the descriptive content of the program to the reader in a signal format corresponding to the state of change of energy.~~ Examples of the storage medium are the opto-magnetic disk 111, the optical disk 112 (inclusive of a CD, a DVD, etc.), the magnetic disk 113, and the memory 114 (inclusive of an IC card, a memory card, etc.). It is a matter of course that these storage media are not limited to portable media.